

Application No. 09/857,305
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Amendments to the Claims:

1. to 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) An attenuated strain of a bacterium harbouring a vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a major outer membrane protein (MOMP) of a strain of *Chlamydia* and a promoter ~~promote~~ sequence operatively coupled to said nucleic acid molecule for expression of said protein by cells ~~in-cells~~ of a host to which the attenuated strain is administered but not by the ~~in-the~~ attenuated bacteria.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) The attenuated strain of claim 19 wherein said strain of *Chlamydia* is a strain of *Chlamydia trachomatis*.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously presented) The attenuated strain of claim 19 wherein said promoter is a cytomegalovirus promoter.

25. (Previously presented) The attenuated strain of claim 19 wherein said vector is a plasmid vector.

26. (Previously presented) The attenuated strain of claim 25 wherein said plasmid vector is pcDNA3/MOMP.

27. (Original) The attenuated strain of claim 19 wherein said attenuated bacteria is an attenuated strain of *Salmonella*.

28. (Original) The attenuated strain of claim 27 wherein said attenuated strain of *Salmonella* is an attenuated strain of *Salmonella typhimurium*.

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29. to 40. (Cancelled)